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Tube and fin assembly for heat exchangers in power plants

Title (de)
Rohr- und Flügelzusammenbau für Wärmeaustauscher in Kraftwerken

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Assemblage tube-ailettes pour échangeurs thermiques de centrales

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Abstract (en)
[origin: EP0417894A2] Potential difficulties with corrosion resistance in air cooled condensers utilizing aluminum fins are avoided by using fin and tube constructions made by a method which includes the steps of providing a flattened tube (50) of ferrous material (80) and having an exterior coating (82) predominantly of aluminum; providing at least one serpentine fin (56) of aluminum (86) and clad with a predominantly aluminum braze cladding (88); assembling (102) the fin (56) to the flattened tube (50); applying (94), (100), (104), a brazing flux to at least one of the fin (56) and the tube (50); raising (106) the temperature of the assembly to a level sufficient to at least partially melt the braze cladding (88); and maintaining the temperature for a sufficient Period of time to achieve a brazed joint (60) between the fin (56) and the tube (50) but a time insufficient to convert the coating (82) and the cladding (88) to ferrous-aluminum intermetallic compound or intermediate phase.

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